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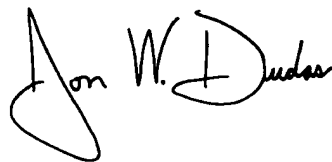
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, Item (73), the assignee is incorrect. Item (73) should read:
-- (73) Assignee: **Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Seiko Sho (Kobe Steel, Ltd.)**
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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